

Church of the *Ascension*



Connect. Grow. Serve.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

10:15 a.m.



*God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit
that has been given to us.*

Romans 5:5

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Prelude

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Handbell Choir

arr. M. & S. Eithun

✠ Processional Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hymnal #401

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

5. The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” they ever cry;
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy,” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee.”.

Words: Thomas Olivers
Music: *Leoni*

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ Hymn of Praise

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

1. Glo-ry Glo ry Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on
Earth 2. Lord God Heav-en-ly King: al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther, we
wor - ship You we give You thanks we praise you for Your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God Lamb of God you take a -
way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us. 1. Glo-ry Glo ry

Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth 5.You are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re-ceive our prayer For
 You a - lone are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are the Lord. 7.You a -
 lone are the mo - st high Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther A - men A - men 1.Glo - ry Glo ry
 Glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah

were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in

our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sequence Song

“Here I Am, Lord”

Words and Music: Dan Schutte

1. I the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I have made these stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord if You lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children’s Sermon and Sermon

The Reverend Pierre-Henry Buisson

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **that we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **that your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Carrie, our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons; **that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, President of the United States, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for an end to the wars that ravage so many nations, especially the Middle East and Ukraine; for the protection of the innocent, the care of refugees, and the courage of peacemakers; **that justice, mercy, and peace may prevail among the nations.**

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces and for their families; **that they may be kept safe, and return to those who love them.**

We pray for this parish family of Ascension, that God may grant us wisdom, courage, generosity, and faithfulness; **that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially David, Jeannette, Lianne, Stacy, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Jack, Jackie, Eva, Liz, Scott, Karen, Betty, Pat, Steve N., Steve P., Ryan, Rick, Debbie S., Jordan and Reed; and those we now name silently or aloud. *(Silence)* O Lord, **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially your servant, Mason Woolston, and those we remember before God. *(Silence)* O Lord, **let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Jim, Ko; Ernie and Linda; **may they know the fullness of your blessing.**

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence is kept.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Thank you for your financial support! To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.



The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Joel Raney

Handbell Choir

✠ Presentation Hymn

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a-bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Ho-ly Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of pow - er God of might

8 Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - sa na in the high -

16 est. Blest is He, who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sa - na

26 in the high - est Ho - sa na in the high - est

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the World. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died Christ is ris-en Christ will come A - gain

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your Sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The Great Doxology

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



A - men A - men A - men A - men.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God”

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem "Lamb of God". The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: Je - sus Lamb of God have mer - cy on us. Je - sus Lamb of God have mer - cy on us Je - sus Lamb of God Gra - nt us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Music

“Healing Grace”

Merciful God and Father

Release us from the past

Loving us like no other

As we seek Your face

Hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts

Wash us free at last

As we come to you.

We receive Your love

We acknowledge our transgressions

We receive Your healing grace

We confess to you our sins

We receive Your love

Show us mercy and compassion

We receive Your healing grace

Touch our lives with your healing grace again

CCLI Song # 1375238

Gary Sadler | John Chisum | © 1994 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. | All rights reserved. | www.ccli.com

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: With whom will you share this communion? *Lay Eucharistic Visitor answers.*

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Song

“Send Us Out”

Chorus

Send us out to proclaim the reign of Your kingdom

Send us out to proclaim and to heal

Send us out with your power and your authority

to overcome and to heal the world

1. Taking nothing for your journey

For God will give you His bread

And for every house that you enter

Pray the peace of God descend *Chorus*

3. Baptize in the name of the Father

In the name of the Spirit and of the Son

Go making disciples of many

I will be with you until your work is done *Chorus*

2. I send you out before Me

Into every town I intend

The harvest is rich but few are the workers

To the fields of harvest you I send *Chorus*

CCLI Song # 12729

John Michael Talbot

© 1984 Troubadour For The Lord Music

For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use.

All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

CCLI License # 259427

The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord! *People:* **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	June 14	June 21
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir, Handbell Choir	Choir
Ushers	David Horn, <i>1 needed</i>	<i>2 needed</i>
Lector	David Kreider	Buck Lyon-Vaiden
Acolyte(s)	Kat Dittrich	<i>1 needed</i>
Chalicians	Helen Lang, <i>3 needed</i>	<i>4 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Jill Horn	<i>1 needed</i>
Audio Visual	Allison Lord	Travis Collins

June Altar Guild: Janice Hobart, Jill Horn, Emelia Howe, Deb Vana

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Fr. Ron and Becky, in profound gratitude to God for 50 years of marriage, and for the love and joy of 25 of those years with Ascension.

The Bread and Wine

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Don and Janice Hobart, in thanksgiving and celebration of their grandsons' birthdays.

The Bread and wine are given to the glory of God by Ernie and Linda Mauritz, in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by David and JoAnne Kreider, in thanksgiving for their granddaughter's college graduation and another granddaughters' graduation from high school.

Attendance June 7: 8:00 am - 31 10:15 am In-person - 59 YouTube - 3 Facebook - 4 Total: 97

Readings for Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - A

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39